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Campus publication gains contributors from other states

Story by Matt Clark, In Focus Editor
Illustration by Wayne Silasi

An event held in the Union last night celebrated several milestones in the nearly half century history of the University's undergraduate literary journal.

The event showcased the first time the publication featured pieces of literature submitted from anywhere in the nation and unveiled a new course offered for students interested in working on the journal.

More than 20 students gathered to hear pieces of fiction, poetry and creative non-fiction from the newest issue of *Prairie Margins*, an annual publication that was released today.

According to Steven Barrie, one of the journal's two editor-in-chiefs, the publication was intended to be distributed at the event, but was delayed until today due to a publisher mishap.

The journal will be handed out at the weekly "creative writing common time," an ongoing reading series presenting literature from various authors, which is held Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in Prout Chapel.

"So not only are we having this big release party, but we will also be able to get it to others. I think we will be able to have our cake and eat it too," he said, adding that the party was also a first for the journal.

The 2005 edition is approximately 100 pages in length and features 31 works of literature, including 13 submitted by University undergraduates.

Barrie said that the works featured in the



Colleen Redmond BG News

SPEAKING UP: Junior Seth Fried reads from his work at the *Prairie Margins* release party.

new edition "cover a lot of ground."

"It is really diverse. There is some stuff that seems really real, and there is some stuff that is like magical realism. It is a wide range of subject matter...Some are really abstract and others are really concrete," he said.

Senior Joseph Litzinger inadvertently discovered the amount of time the publication's staff spends putting it together. His poem, "About Your Wife," was submitted last year and finally released today.

"It took them several months to sort through the submissions and contact me.

They're pretty choosy about what they put in," he said.

According to Barrie, the task of sorting through and selecting submissions has become substantially more involving since the publication went national.

"We at least doubled our submissions," he said.

Last year, the all-volunteer staff of 16 undergraduates sorted through 300 submissions, proofread those chosen, edited them and laid them out. As was demonstrated last night, they even promote the journal's release.

Their hard work did not go unnoticed by the publication's advisor, general studies writing instructor Karen Craig, who believes they gain valuable experience in the area of publishing.

And if they are learning, she said, they should be getting credit for it.

Craig worked for months to establish her new three credit hour course, English 387, which fills the void by providing instruction on all aspects of publishing.

"It is a real magazine. We now take submissions from all over the country. It is going to be a lot more effort and that is why we need the class," she said.

The course will be offered in the spring for the first time.

The journal can also be obtained by e-mailing its other editor-in-chief, Oleander Barber, at debrab@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

Bus route to stay in effect

Stop at Copper Beech to continue through end of semester

By Laren Weber
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Although the number of students riding the south off-campus shuttle from the Copper Beech Townhomes is lower than anticipated, the extended route will continue through the end of the semester.

After a two month trial period to monitor the number of students picked up at the Napoleon Road and Dunbridge Road complex, Jim Wiegand, director of public safety, concluded he needs more information before making the stop permanent.

"I don't think I have the data [to make a decision]," he said. "The number of riders has been fluctuating up and down."

Wiegand expected at least 75 people from the new complex to ride the shuttle daily.

But the number of students from Copper Beech that use the service averages between 28 and 30 people.

"Ridership is not what we anticipated," Wiegand said. "I really anticipated significantly higher numbers than that."

During the morning route on Tuesday, shuttle driver Marilyn Hamman said out of 14 trips,

she picked up students at Copper Beech five times.

Wiegand is concerned with the low numbers.

"We're a month and a half into it, I thought word of mouth would have spread," he said. "If I'm only going to get 26 to 28 [people] throughout the day, I'm not sure if it's a good use of our resources."

In addition to the low numbers of students being picked up at Copper Beech, regular ridership has also decreased.

Shuttle Service Manager Fred Smith said the south shuttle normally transports between 650 and 675 people per day.

But now the bus only picks up about 525 riders each day.

Smith attributes the decrease to the lengthened route. Prior to the change in early September, the route took 15 minutes.

But with the additional stop, the trip now takes between 19 and 24 minutes.

"It's taking too long," Smith said.

Vanessa Hagan, junior, who rides the shuttle every day, agrees the extended route is frustrating.

"It's not on a regular schedule so it's harder for me to know when it's going to come," Hagan said. "It used to be every 15 minutes, now it's so ran-

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DeRose discusses women in media

Lecture examines female stereotypes in film and TV programs

By Sandy Meade
REPORTER

Those who saw Disney's "Pocahontas" when they were younger may have found it cute and entertaining.

At the Women's Center's Brown Bag Luncheon yesterday, Women's Studies Instructor Maria DeRose prompted audience members to reevaluate the movie by examining scenes that demonstrate negative stereotypes the media impose on women of color.

By women of color, DeRose meant Asian, Native American, Latina and black women.

During her presentation, "The Exotification of Women of Color in the Media," DeRose explained how women of color have minor roles in media or are completely left out.

"And the few times that they are shown, the stereotypes are almost unbelievable," she said.

She also spoke about how women of color are exoticized, which she says is much more than the sexualization of women.

"(When we) think of the word 'exotic,' we tend to think they're so rare ... and we make a big deal when we discover them," DeRose said. "We've almost placed this unattainable qual-

ity to it."

In order to demonstrate this, she showed the scene from "Pocahontas" where John Smith and Pocahontas first meet.

Before this scene takes place, Pocahontas has already been seen jumping off a high cliff, talking with animals and running through the forest. But when she meets Smith, something unusual happens.

DeRose described this as a "magical moment where, just because she sees this cute white guy and because they're soul mates, she's magically able to understand English." Even though before this, Pocahontas had no knowledge of the English language.

What is important about this scene is the fact that she learns his language, rather than the other way around.

DeRose said every semester her students tell her "we can't take this so seriously, it's just a cartoon."

But it is a serious problem. After attending the discussion, Ellen Krull, senior, saw the movie in a new light.

"Pocahontas" wasn't as cute as I thought it was because it has a lot of stereotyping in it," she said.

According to Krull, children think that what they see in the movies is a reflection of real

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Colleen Redmond BG News

FOUR IN A ROW: A NIGHT OF BINGO HITS THE PUB

I WIN: From left to right: Andy Wielicui, Kristen Hoffa, Eric Enright, Abbie Mingus and Beth Heitkamp enjoy their dinner at the Pub while playing bingo.

Fraternity collecting for annual food drive

Brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha set goal of 15,000 pounds of food

By Coleen Casey
REPORTER

The brothers of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity are giving back to the community through their annual food drive this week, which will benefit the Bowling Green Christian Food Pantry.

This week, the brothers will be distributing collection boxes to fraternity and sorority houses on campus as well as houses

throughout the Bowling Green area to collect non-perishable food items and monetary donations.

Last year, the University's Lambda Chi Alpha collected and donated 12,000 pounds of food and \$2,200 in monetary donations.

According to Matt Cable, vice president of external affairs for the fraternity, the brothers are hoping to break their record by donating 15,000 pounds of food just this weekend, and their goal for the year is 200,000 pounds of food.

"This year, we're looking to break our national record for annual donations," Cable said. "This would not be possible without the help of the local community here in Bowling Green."

Donations of non-perishable food items as well as monetary contributions can be given to the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity located on Old Fraternity Road.

The Food Drive Public Relations chair for the fraternity, Nick Snyder, believes that the food drive is an extremely rewarding charity event.

"This is by far our largest and

most successful philanthropy," Snyder said.

Every year, Lambda Chi Alpha chapters throughout the country take part in the North American Food Drive, which provides assistance for needy families in their communities.

"I think we are helping a lot of people. We need to do this to make sure everyone in north-west Ohio has food," said Carl Brinkley, freshman.

The brothers will collect the food and monetary dona-

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FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

FRIDAY



Sunny

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SATURDAY



Sunny

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SUNDAY



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Syrian leaders halt assassination probe

U.N. investigation on killing of prime minister stopped

By Edith M. Lederer
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS — U.S. Ambassador John Bolton said yesterday that Syria's leader refused to meet U.N. investigators probing the assassination of Lebanon's former prime minister, but would be required to submit to questioning under a proposed new U.N. resolution.

Bolton's comments were the first confirmation that the investigation led by U.N. prosecutor Detlev Mehliis had tried to talk to n President Bashar Assad about the Feb. 14 car bomb in Beirut that killed Rafik Hariri and 20 others.

The Syrian president wasn't mentioned in Mehliis' report to the Security Council last week, which implicated top Syrian and Lebanese security officials in Hariri's assassination and accused Syria of not cooperating fully with the investigation. But Mehliis told council members at a closed-door briefing Tuesday that Assad refused to be interviewed, Bolton's spokesman Richard Grenell said.

The resolution introduced Tuesday by the United States, France and Britain would require Syria to detain any Syrian official or civilian the U.N. investigators might consider a suspect in Hariri's killing and allow the individual to be questioned outside the country or without Syrian officials present.

It would immediately freeze the assets and impose a travel ban on anyone the commission identified as a possible suspect in the assassination, and if

Syria refuses to cooperate, the Security Council would consider "further measures," including economic sanctions.

When Bolton was asked whether the detention provision would apply to Assad, he replied, "It absolutely includes the president of Syria. No person is above the law."

"The president has the opportunity to talk to the media all the time and he's still doing it. He should have a few minutes to talk to commissioner Mehliis," Bolton said.

The U.S. ambassador disclosed Assad's refusal to be questioned while defending the tough draft resolution, which faces strong opposition from Russia, China and Algeria.

The Security Council held closed-door consultations on the draft Wednesday.

In Beirut, judicial officials said two brothers — Ahmad Abdel-Al and Mahmoud Abdel-Al, both members of the pro-Syrian Sunni Muslim fundamentalist group Al-Ahbash — who were cited in the U.N. report had been detained. The officials spoke yesterday on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to give official statements.

They said Mahmoud Abdel-Al was detained in Beirut on Saturday at the recommendation of U.N. investigators, who said he made "interesting" telephone calls Feb. 14, including one to pro-Syrian President Emile Lahoud, just before a bomb killed Hariri. Lahoud's office has denied receiving such a call.

Mahmoud's brother, arrested earlier on weapons charges, was named by Mehliis as a "key figure" who had extensive contacts

with top Lebanese security officials before and after the blast, and tried to hide information from investigators.

Opposition to the resolution from Russia and China could spell serious trouble because both countries have veto power in the Security Council.

But Bolton said he was encouraged by the initial response to the draft, though he recognized the "turbulence" of some initial reactions.

"We're open to suggestions," he said. "But in terms of the purpose that we have, of sending a strong and clear signal, that's not going to change."

"The Mehliis report says officials of the government of Syria made false statements, that they have prevented access to material witnesses. ... President Assad has refused to meet with Mehliis," Bolton said. "That's not cooperation."

Syria's U.N. Ambassador Fayssal Mekdad said he hadn't heard Bolton's comments but countered that Assad has "expressed on more than one occasion that those who committed this crime, whether Syrians or not, are traitors and they have to be put to justice."

He called the draft resolution "a U.S. agenda against Syria" and said he expects key points to be disputed during the council's upcoming discussions.

"I'm sure Russia and others will not accept such an agenda because this is a United States agenda," Mekdad said.

Without elaborating, China's U.N. Ambassador Wang Guangya said, "I'm sure the co-sponsors will get our views and try to modify it. Otherwise, there will be a split in the council."

Minority women said to be 'exotic'

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life and they tend to think of Pocahontas in a different light, often wanting to be like her.

But when viewers look at other Native American women in film, they have minor roles or are invisible, DeRose said. This is because films about Native Americans are usually about men — the main character often being a white man.

When Native American women are the main characters, they are portrayed as princesses surrounded by "all this magical stuff," just like Pocahontas, DeRose said.

"And because we have so few other images of them, every image that we do have takes on that much more importance because we don't have anything to balance it with," she said.

Laurie Rodgers, assistant director of learning community projects, expressed views similar to DeRose's.

"Disney's intent may be to make movies and entertain children, but it also reinforces stereotypes," Rodgers said.

She also believes that Disney is not acting out of ignorance. Rodgers thinks the stereotypes have been pointed out to them and they should be held responsible for promoting them.

But these stereotypes are not limited to "Pocahontas."

DeRose also examined scenes from "Ally McBeal" and a documentary about a Latina actress, Carmen Miranda, to demonstrate other ways women of color are portrayed by the mass media.

From "Ally McBeal," DeRose focused specifically on Lucy Liu's character, who is often portrayed as animal-like.

When Ling, Liu's character, gets a certain look on her face, an animal growl is heard in the background.

On the TV program, Liu's character even admits she doesn't consider herself to be entirely human.

According to DeRose, Liu's character is seen as a "super-human that literally kills men in bed because she's just that good. No matter what Ling does, she can't seem to help how good she is in bed."

This only reinforces stereotypes of Asian women in film, which have included whores, geishas and dragon ladies.

These and other stereotypes can be applied to other women of color, which DeRose demonstrated during her presentation today.

This presentation is a shortened version of what DeRose uses in her classes.

She thinks it is important to focus on media issues because even though they directly affect students, students usually don't know a lot about their history and impact.

In order for change to occur, we have to be aware of the problem and understand how and why it exists, DeRose said.

One of her students, Kristina Scales, sophomore, said she has learned a lot about how stereotypes are portrayed in the media today.

Scales thinks stereotypes have a negative impact on younger kids today because "if you don't fulfill these stereotypes, you're not fulfilling your culture ... Because I'm a black female, if I don't fulfill the stereotypes, then I'm not black enough."

But today's presentation caused Scales to think about more than just how black women are portrayed.

"I learned more about how Asian women are portrayed. I never thought of this perspective, usually because I only think of black female roles," she said.

The Brown Bag Luncheons are held each Wednesday in 107 Hanna Hall, from noon to 1 p.m. Next week's topic is "If You Jump Off a Virtual Bridge, Does it Hurt When You Land in the Real World?"

Off-campus students often avoid bus trips

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dom."

Hagan admitted she's more prone to walk to class rather than wait for the shuttle.

"I used to walk when it was warmer, but I'm just putting up with it," Hagan said.

Also an avid shuttle rider, Nnenna S. Ononye, senior, said the inconsistent route schedule is irritating.

"You end up being late to every place you go," Ononye said. "Some days I have to brave the cold and walk to school. It just really sucks."

Although Wiegand would like to make the Copper Beech stop permanent, he said he'll base the decision on whether to continue the route through spring semester on information he receives.

"I'd like to continue it, I think it's important for our students," Wiegand said. "I'll try to gather as much information as I can and make the best decision possible for the University, students and operation of the shuttle."

Drive benefits needy families

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tions from the community on Saturday.

Lyn Long, a member of the Bowling Green Christian Food Pantry board, is very pleased with the fraternity's food drive event.

"I think it is a very fine endeavor for these young people to go out to the community and help people," Long said.

Snyder said that because of the devastation from the hurricanes in the south, the amount of donations to the local community has fallen.

"[Needy families] are really in need of the campus' and the community's generous support, especially during the approaching holiday season," Snyder said.

The Phi Mu Zeta of the Lambda Chi Alpha here at the University is active in several community activities throughout the year. In addition to this food drive, they also hold the "When You Move Out, Don't Throw It Out" program, and assist the Toledo Food Bank.

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Union Lobby

10 a.m.
26th Annual New Music & Art

Festival
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10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Amnesty International Recruitment
Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Candy Grams, Fundraiser for Sigma
Lambda Gamma
Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

India Student Assoc. will be selling
tickets for their Mela 2005.
Union Lobby

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Muslim Student Association Fast-a-
Thon to benefit Katrina victims.
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11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Halloween Candy Grams, Fundraiser
by Sigma Kappa
Union Lobby

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6 p.m.
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Union Ballroom

6 - 8 p.m.
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Finals

Union Falcon's Nest

7:30 - 10 p.m.
The International Film Series
Człowiek z Marmuru (Man of Marble),
(1977) Poland, 160 mins.
Lillian Gish Theatre

8 p.m.
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Elizondo
Union Multipurpose Room

8:30 p.m.
Pandora's Box crafting/conversation
circle
Union Room 208

HOOP IT UP



Pat Dorsman BG News

NICE TRY: Matt Persinger, sophomore, goes up for a layup in the Rec Center gym. Matt likes to use the courts early in the day because there are less people around.

Loan scam pricey

Identity theft can
cost students their
financial aid

By Andrea Coombes
KRT

SAN FRANCISCO — When John Christensen signed up for classes at a community college in Arizona, he wasn't worried about his final grade. He could only fail if he didn't last long enough to collect thousands of dollars in fraudulent student loans and grants.

"The object I had was to not be dropped out of the courses for the first 30 days. If I didn't drop out, and the instructor didn't drop me out, I was going to get the money," said Christensen, an identity thief who collected more than \$316,000 in federal college aid with 43 stolen identities until he was caught in September 2003.

Christensen now tells his story from federal prison in Tucson, recorded in a U.S. Department of Education promotional video aimed at educating college-aid officers about the problem of crooks who use other people's names to bilk the federal government out of millions of dollars of federal grants and loans.

Christensen is just one face of a growing problem: identity thieves who target an estimated \$70 billion the U.S. Department of Education disburses in grants and loans to students every year.

The crime is particularly vexing for victims whose first indication they've been targeted may be when their own student-aid request is turned down or when they are refused another type of loan over a default they know nothing about.

While victims aren't on the hook for the money, they usually

spend hundreds of hours cleaning up their credit reports and explaining the situation to creditors, said Daniel Drake, an assistant U.S. attorney in Phoenix and an identity-theft expert who worked on the Christensen case.

And there are other victims: students who don't receive aid when they need it. "To the extent that someone like Christensen siphons off \$300,000 ... that's \$300,000 that's not there to help someone else," Drake said.

Taxpayers pay, too, as much of the money is never recovered. In most cases, thieves steal about \$20,000 and "the likelihood of getting that back from them is zero," Drake said.

Thirteen percent of identity-theft victims said thieves used their identity to apply for a loan, according to a survey of 500 identity-theft victims by Javelin Strategy & Research, a consulting firm in Pleasanton, Calif.



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(yahoo.com)

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OPINION

STAFF EDITORIAL

Cultural stereotypes still exist

Everyone knows that stereotypes are wrong. We know that we should look at people as individuals and that we should not judge others.

But, refraining from stereotyping is a lot easier said than done. Stereotypes are reinforced in entertainment every day.

Most of us grew up watching cartoons. We loved watching characters like Pocahontas because she seemed exotic and magical. Only that stereotype is not the

real image of Native American women. This image becomes something that Native American women sometimes feel that they should fulfill because it is how society portrays them.

These broad generalizations of certain characters appear in TV and movies everywhere.

When we stop and think about the stereotypical roles that women and minorities often take on in films, the inaccuracies become very apparent.

YOU DECIDE

Do you think the stereotypes in TV still exist? Send an e-mail to thenews@bgnews.com and tell us what you think, or post feedback on our Web site.

However, when you sit down and watch a cartoon like Pocahontas, you are probably just taking in the music and the story, without a second thought of the

underlying inaccurate portrayals of the characters.

If we do not even take the time to think about the problem of stereotypes, how can we expect to hold Hollywood responsible for continuing to promote them?

Children are especially sensitive to the media that they take in. Although cartoons may appear harmless, these stereotypes inevitably become a part of their psyche.

Just take a look at the little

girls who dress up like "Indian Princesses," or the boys who are ninjas on Halloween.

The problem is the mind-set that one acquires after repeatedly being exposed to these inaccurate stereotypes.

Often times, there are complaints about the "stupid, white father stereotype." The difference between that stereotype and the ones that affect minorities and women is that we see white men take on a lot of other roles besides

the "dumb father."

Although we are seeing progress for minorities in more central and dynamic roles, there is still much progress to be made.

Halle Berry may have made headlines when she became the first black woman to win a best actress Oscar, but we should not be satisfied with simply reaching that milestone.

Awareness of stereotypes in entertainment is the first step. Now, real change is the next.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AlcoholEdu satisfies grant requirements

AlcoholEdu has gained a lot of attention on the BGSU campus lately. It should. Alcohol abuse is a serious problem on college campuses nationwide.

In a recent BG News column, Mike Woodall claims that the U.S. Department of Education grant BGSU received is being used incorrectly by implementing AlcoholEdu.

Unfortunately, Mr. Woodall does not understand what it involves. Nor would I expect him to understand anything about grants.

Without boring the readers with the details of applying for a grant, put simply, 157 grant applications were submitted to the U.S. Department of Education. Only 20 received awards.

If BGSU did not satisfy the grant requirements, we would not have received this award. Period.

Mr. Woodall points out how some of the other 20 universities are using their grant monies and argues that none of them focus on Greeks. Not true.

Take a look at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who received the same grant as BGSU. Their target audiences include "...three major research-based high-risk population segments identified by the NIAAA Task Force Report - first-year students, student athletes and students affiliated with a fraternity or sorority."

The purpose of the U.S. Department of Education's Grant Competition to Prevent High-Risk Drinking or Violent Behavior Among College Students is to utilize research-based alcohol interventions. These interventions involve all of us, not just Greeks.

There are many avenues to addressing the problem of high-risk drinking on college campuses. AlcoholEdu is one of many strategies. Here are what some of the other 19 colleges and universities who received the grant this year are doing:

Virginia Polytechnic Institute is focusing on 21st birthday celebration intervention strategies. University of Michigan is focusing on resident advisors and first-year student opinion leaders.

University of Wisconsin is targeting university staff, law enforcement and alcohol dis-

tributors

College of William and Mary is working toward reducing the incidents of alcohol-related sexual assault committed by first-year men.

University of North Carolina is using their funds to challenge the culture of masculinity that perpetuates high-risk drinking and eliminating gender-based advertising.

North Country Community college is training faculty and staff in program intervention, normative messaging and presentation of alcohol-free events.

These are just a few samples of how other colleges and universities are using their grant money. You can learn more about the BGSU grant and the other 19 recipients by visiting

<http://www.edc.org/hec/grants/high-risk/0502/winners.html>.

And, although not grant awardees, Miami University and Ohio University have been implementing AlcoholEdu for at least two years.

Finally, I want to applaud the 417 Greeks, 1, 863 first-year students and 127 student athletes who have been participating in AlcoholEdu this semester.

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Vote for city council based on the facts

Thank you to Jason for his reply to my original letter. I am glad to see democracy in action. After all, democracy cannot exist without public discourse.

First, let me address my classification issue. The options BG News gives do not include "graduate student," so I chose "graduate" or "alumnus" as the BG News reported. This is not an incorrect classification, as I have graduated from BGSU with one degree already and I am also a current graduate student, working on my Ph.D. So, yes, I am a student at BGSU, as well as a voting member of Ward 2.

Second, let me address my "attendance" policy. No, I have not been keeping a tally of who arrives and when. However, I have been a participant and have therefore attended several city council meetings. I have met both student candidates, and have not seen them at many of the recent city council meetings.

At the recent Sunday forum, I was not greeted by any candidate, rather volunteers from the League of Women Voters (one of the event sponsors). In addition, I was actually mistaken for Gilbert on Sunday - volunteers said that she had not yet checked in. This was at 6:40 p.m.

Third, my association with candidate Gordy Heminger is professional. Heminger has been on the staff at BGSU for four years, and I have had the opportunity to work with him for three of those four. I am supporting Heminger not because of this association, but rather because he is the clear choice for Ward 1 Councilman. You did not argue Heminger's qualifications, so I will not spend more time on it.

Fourth, Gilbert did make an interesting point regarding the dress codes on Sunday. As you said, she suggested that students affected by the code contact the Ohio Civil Rights Commission. However, she did not address the importance of the city's or the University's involvement.

If, in fact, this issue is discriminatory in nature, then by all means, follow Gilbert's advice. However, this has yet to be proven in any real way. Until that proof exists in something other than anecdote, I would suggest that the establishment owners and city officials work together. Gilbert's answer to the smart growth question started with "I agree with the other candidates" - there were five who spoke before her.

This is a superior answer? Your claim that Zanfardino's answers were inferior to Gilbert's is subjective.

McOmberis is a Republican who I will also be voting for on Tuesday. I agree he is one of two qualified candidates I will support for the at-large position.

You claim that I am voting for the democratic candidates based on party dogma. Incorrect again. I am voting for Zanfardino (Heminger is not in my Ward), because he is the most qualified candidate. He is a long-time resident of Bowling Green, and has worked successfully as Mike Zickar's replacement for the past six months.

I encourage all voters to decide for themselves who to vote for. Visit the Wood County Board of Elections or the League of Women Voters Web sites for more information on all of the candidates and the issues.

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

If you could be on any reality TV show, which one would it be?



BRANDIE WELLS
FRESHMAN, UNDECIDED
"I want to break the mold for short, thick girls and be on America's Next Top Model."



GREG PEREZ
SOPHOMORE, PRE-LAW
"Fear Factor" because I know I could do whatever they wanted to win the money."



MIKE BROWN
FRESHMAN, UNDECIDED
"I want to be the next William Hung from American Idol, since he is not even talented, but he is making millions."



KATE GUZIK
FRESHMAN, PUBLIC RELATIONS
"I want to be on Laguna Beach because I am obsessed with it, and I just love all the drama."

Reality does not include edit option

Have you ever watched two teams of seven strangers, battling for cash while traveling the country in RVs that they trade and makeover as America votes on their future spouses while they eat an assortment of cow innards and thought to yourself, "How did this show make it on the air?"

Well, the other day I was flipping through the channels when a beauty pageant came on. The competition had been narrowed down and the top five contestants were about to answer that last, big question. You know the one... "If you had \$1 million, what would you do?"

Their answers will simply amaze you. The first contestant decides she would end world hunger. The next says she would cure cancer. And this continued until finally the last contestant gave her response. "World Peace!"

World Peace? Does that even answer the question? I don't think so.

Now, curing cancer is a noble goal, but don't you think that if it only cost \$1 million that we would have the cure by now? Oh, and as for ending world hunger... if you ask me, some of those contestants should start with themselves!

Now, if I had \$1 million, I would do the reasonable thing. I'd put it towards my tuition, fix up the Honda, go on a shopping spree, buy a pig and go backpacking through Eastern Europe. And that's the truth.

Honestly, if you had \$1 million, what would you do? Get Real!

Society is turning into one big beauty pageant. We are surrounded by false images and we are not being true to ourselves. Everyone is so busy trying to be someone who they aren't that they never stop to see exactly who they are; and that is a problem. And I include myself in that.

If I told you that I never wished to be someone else or to have his fame and her looks... that would be a lie. But I'm tired of the lies. It's time to resolve the issue of deception in society, it's time to be happy with who we are, and it's time to get real!

False images are imbedded in our everyday lives. Whether it is in the media or in our schools, we are in a world full of imitation.

It is this artificial world that is eluding us all and feeding our problem. The search for reality in today's society is like looking



TAYLOR COPELAND
Opinion Columnist

for an authentic body part on Michael Jackson. I'm not saying that it doesn't exist; it's just really hard to find.

And the introduction of reality TV hasn't made the search any easier. Shows such as MTV's "The Real World," which debuted in 1991, have become the hot new trend, sweeping across America. But don't let the name fool you. Reality TV is anything but real.

If you think about it, the phrase "Reality TV" is an oxymoron. The term implies that what we see on TV is real, which is not always the case. It's TV people... it's called editing, think about it.

We need to start being honest with ourselves. Let's take the lead of Abraham Lincoln who was known for being an honest man. Upon being asked the question, "How many legs does a dog have if you call the tail a leg?" Lincoln replied, "Four. Calling the tail a leg doesn't make it a leg."

The truth is, we can close our eyes to reality, but that doesn't change the fact that it still exists. And much like the truth still exists even though people lie, reality is still obtainable in the midst of the unreal.

Being fake is a problem consuming our lives and we need to correct it. Every time we present ourselves in a false manner, we get closer to becoming someone who we are not.

So how do we fix this problem? Simple, we start by being ourselves.

We shouldn't compromise our individuality by conforming and molding into an image. We should create our own mold.

We all have the potential to be someone great, someone completely different than everyone else. But until we stop following the norm and take that first frightening step towards finding ourselves, we'll never know what lies ahead for us.

If we fail to acknowledge reality we cannot progress.

So when we find ourselves in a world where false images are at an all-time high, and conformity is acceptable, and being an individual is frowned upon... it's time for something to be done.

Find yourself, be true to who you are, and get real!

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U.N. SAYS SYRIAN WEAPONS SLOW PROGRESS

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Palestinian militants in Lebanon are getting more weapons from Syria, one reason why the Lebanese government has made no significant progress in disbanding and disarming militias that operate with impunity inside its borders, a U.N. report said yesterday.

U.S. death toll breaks 2,000 mark in Iraq

Vehicle accident kills soldier, doubt about war grows in public

By Thomas Wagner
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The American death toll reached 2,001 yesterday with the announcement that a soldier died in an accident the night before. Three mostly Sunni Arab parties said they have formed a coalition to compete in upcoming parliamentary elections as the minority moves to consolidate its power in the political arena.

The soldier, whose identity was withheld pending notification of relatives, died in a vehicle accident Tuesday evening near Camp Bucca, a U.S. detention center in southern Iraq, the military said. The statement raised by one the number of U.S. service members killed in the war a day after the somber milestone of 2,000 was reached.

A roadside bomb also destroyed a Humvee in a U.S. convoy yesterday, but no American casualties were reported in that attack.

A U.S. warplane also struck a suspected insurgent safe house near the Syrian border yesterday and may have killed a senior al-Qaida in Iraq figure identified only as Abu Dua who it said assisted in smuggling Syrian and Saudi fighters into Iraq, the U.S. military said.

A military statement said intelligence sources indicated that Abu Dua — who allegedly was part of an al-Qaida network along the Syrian border — was in the house at the time of the attack but his body has not been recovered. The statement also accused him of kidnapping and execut-

ing people after trying them in makeshift religious courts.

The U.S. Senate on Tuesday observed a moment of silence in honor of the fallen Americans.

"We owe them a deep debt of gratitude for their courage, for their valor, for their strength, for their commitment to our country," said Republican Majority Leader Bill Frist.

The milestone came amid growing doubts among the U.S. public about the Iraq conflict, launched in March 2003 to destroy Saddam Hussein's alleged weapons of mass destruction. No such arms were ever found.

In Iraq, many people heard of the 2,000 figure on Arab satellite TV channels such as Al-Jazeera and Al-Arabiya.

Some Iraqis complained that the attention was misguided because far more Iraqis have died in the conflict than Americans. No one knows an exact number of Iraqi deaths, but there is some consensus that an independent count of roughly 30,000 is a relatively credible tally of Iraqi civilian deaths.

An Associated Press count of war-related Iraqi deaths from the time Iraq's elected government took office April 28 through Tuesday found 3,870 Iraqi deaths in that period alone. More than two-thirds were civilians while the rest were Iraqi security personnel.

Iraq Body Count, a British research group that compiles its figures from reports by the major news agencies and British and U.S. newspapers, has said 30,051 Iraqis have been killed since the war started.

Suicide bomber strikes central Israel

Deadliest attack in months leaves five dead, hurts peace talks

By Aron Heller
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HADERA, Israel — A Palestinian suicide bomber standing in line at a crowded falafel stand blew himself up yesterday in this central Israeli town, killing five people, wounding 21 and eroding hopes that Israel's Gaza pullout would revive peace talks.

Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the deadliest attack in Israel in more than three months, with the Iranian-backed group saying it was in retaliation for the killing of a top militant leader by Israeli troops earlier this week.

Yesterday also marked the 10th anniversary of the assassination of

Islamic Jihad chief Fathi Shekaki outside a Malta hotel in a mission widely attributed to Israel.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Regev reacted to the bombing by citing statements from hard-line Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad that Israel should be "wiped off the map" and from Hamas leader Mahmoud Zahar in Gaza reiterating that group's commitment to violent struggle.

"It appears the problem with these extremists is that they followed through on their violent declarations with violent actions," Regev told The Associated Press.

Ambulances rushed to the scene after the explosion at the falafel stand, which was in an open air market next to the central bus station. Rescuers treated the wounded in a nearby field.

The dead were sprawled on the ground amid scattered fruit and wrecked cars. Shards of glass and blood covered the sidewalk as rescuers moved back bystanders to begin collecting remains of the dead.

"Body parts reached all the way until my apartment building. The damage is really great," witness Eidan Akiva told Channel Ten TV, saying he lived 100 yards from the blast.

"All the stalls alongside just fell apart. The windows are all broken. It looks like a war was here,"

he said. "This is a very crowded place, very central place. We never expected that this would happen."

"We thought our world was good but apparently we were wrong."

EIDAN AKIVA, WITNESS

Dov Lotzky, a police spokesman, said the bomber was standing in line at the falafel stand when he detonated the explosives.

Israeli police said five people were killed in addition to the sui-

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Storm death toll rises

Hurricane Wilma survivors asked to be patient for food, water

By Allen Breed
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Authorities raised Florida's death toll from Hurricane Wilma from five to 10 yesterday and urged the storm's survivors to have patience as they endured long waits for food, water and other necessities.

Gov. Jeb Bush took responsibility yesterday for frustrating delays at centers distributing supplies to storm victims, but he also said people who have waited in line for hours seeking relief should

have done more to prepare for the storm.

"People had ample time to prepare. It isn't that hard to get 72 hours worth of food and water," said Bush, repeating the advice that officials had given days before Wilma blasted across southern Florida early Monday.

The 21st storm in the busiest Atlantic hurricane season on record, Wilma killed at least 12 people in Haiti, four in Mexico and one in Jamaica before hitting Florida. State emergency management director Craig Fugate said yesterday that Florida's death toll was 10, up from the five deaths previously reported.

Bush spoke at a joint news conference with Homeland Security

Secretary Michael Chertoff, who oversees the Federal Emergency Management Agency. FEMA, roundly criticized for its response to Hurricane Katrina, was again a focus of frustration yesterday as Floridians faced long waits for supplies that the mayor of Miami-Dade County warned were running out.

On Tuesday, trucks carrying the first wave of relief either arrived much later than local officials expected or didn't show up at all.

"I understand there are frustrations here," Chertoff said. "As the governor has acknowledged, we can't always get to people what we hope to get and as quickly as

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CLEAN-UP: Oliverio Rojas, left, and Martin Vera Villagomez walk through rubble of their home Monday in Imokalee, Fla., after Hurricane Wilma passed through the area.

President supports cuts

Bush follows Congress' lead, pushes spending restraints on agencies

By Deb Riechmann
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush yesterday said he's willing to go along with congressional plans to make further cuts in the budget he submitted in February, saying he's open to making broad-based cuts in agency budgets.

In a speech to the Economic Club of Washington, Bush said lawmakers should make tax relief permanent and restrain the spending appetite of the federal government. Bush's message was designed in part to ease the worries of conservatives that the

Republican Party is not doing enough to control spending and cut the deficit.

"Earlier this year, I submitted the most disciplined proposal for non-security discretionary spending since Ronald Reagan was in the White House," Bush said. "My budget proposed an actual cut in spending in non-security discretionary spending. Congress needs to make that cut real. I'm open to a further, across-the-board spending cut as well."

The White House had earlier responded tepidly to congressional GOP plans for across-the-board cuts since they could mean curbs in the Pentagon budget as well. Bush's remarks came as congress-

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Greenspan praises council's advice

Agency created during Truman's presidency; lends economic tips

By Martin Crutsinger
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan yesterday praised the useful advice provided to presidents over the years by the Council of Economic Advisers, a tiny White House agency now headed by the man expected to succeed Greenspan.

Greenspan said the three-member council, created during the Truman administration, was "one of the most successful government agencies in history."

The council's current chairman is Ben Bernanke, nominated by

President Bush on Monday to succeed Greenspan at the Fed.

Greenspan said the council and its supporting staff of professors on leave from universities have proved effective in promoting sound economic policies and stopping bad economic ideas from moving ahead.

"Throughout all this history, the CEA has, in most cases, provided the president with the best economic advice available at the time and has, crucially, been a consistent advocate for the importance of market forces," Greenspan said in a speech in Kansas City. Copies of the text were made available in Washington.

Greenspan made no mention of Bernanke during his appearance, where he also was honored

with the first Truman Medal for Economic Policy, sponsored by the Truman Library Institute.

Greenspan noted in his remarks that he was selected to be head of the CEA by President Nixon and was scheduled to have his confirmation hearing in August 1974, on the day that Nixon resigned the presidency because of the Watergate scandal.

Greenspan said President Ford, who succeeded Nixon, re-nominated Greenspan for what he called a "challenging time" in economic decision making. "We did not solve all the problems we confronted," Greenspan said.

Ford was defeated in the 1976 election by Jimmy Carter, who ran on platform that the Ford administration had failed to deal

with high unemployment and high inflation.

Greenspan said when he took over at the CEA in the fall of 1974, the administration was focused on combating inflation, but that in just a few months, government policy-makers realized that the U.S. had entered a recession and the administration turned its attention to promoting an economic recovery.

Greenspan said he found during his time at the CEA that trying to forecast the economy through the use of economic models had its limits. He said that he also learned how invaluable timely economic data could be and that it was important for economic

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CEA chairman to be approved

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policy to take the long view.

"Although the pressures to use the government's tools of economic management to achieve one or another short-term aim are always present, the tools of government are, in fact, most appropriately used to create an environment in which private economic activity can flourish over time," he said.

Greenspan, who was selected by President Reagan to become Fed chairman in 1987, is an advocate of deregulation and allowing market forces to work.

Bernanke, if confirmed by the Senate, would be the third CEA chairman to become head of the Federal Reserve. In addition to Greenspan, Arthur Burns was CEA chairman in the Eisenhower administration and then Fed chairman under Nixon.

Some Democrats have said they planned to question Bernanke specifically about whether he believed he could defend the Fed's independence from undue political influence.

Greenspan, in his speech, did not mention current economic conditions. The Fed, at its meeting on Tuesday, is expected to raise a key short-term interest rate for a 12th time. Such a move would be seen as seeking to ensure that the spike in energy prices following the Gulf Coast hurricanes did not contribute to more widespread inflation problems.

Governor to distribute supplies fast

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we hope to do it."

Bush accepted responsibility for not having distribution centers running smoothly within 24 hours, and promised to try to speed up distribution. His brother President Bush is expected to visit today.

At least one distribution site in Miami-Dade was out of supplies, and the other 10 were running low with material from FEMA, Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Alvarez said.

Alvarez expected supplies to be stocked last night but said, "I cannot give you a timetable because, ladies and gentlemen, quite frankly, we don't control those assets."

Alvarez called the relief process "flawed," called for more control and oversight and said he was "frustrated, disappointed, angered" with the delivery of supplies.

Items Americans usually take for granted — a bag

of ice, a fast-food burger, a gallon of gas — have taken hours of patience to get since Hurricane Wilma made its destructive sweep.

Nine hours after she got in line Tuesday at one designated relief-supply location, Fanie Aristil, 23, of North Miami wearily left for home with 28 pounds of ice and six liters of bottled water.

"All that time," Aristil said. "This is all we get?"

Police watched over the few gas stations that were open as a precaution in case motorists' tempers flared while they waited for up to five hours to buy fuel.

"I need gas for my generator so I can go to work and make some money," said Hector Vasquez, 36, who repairs windows. "This shouldn't be this difficult."

Florida Power & Light, the state's biggest utility, said Wilma affected more of its 4.3 million customers than any

other natural disaster in the company's history. Service was restored yesterday to about 20 percent of the 3.2 million customers who lost service.

In Mexico, thousands of haggard tourists battled for airline and bus seats out of the country's hurricane-battered Caribbean resorts, but thousands more remained stranded yesterday. Officials said about 22,000 foreign tourists remained in the area Tuesday, down from a peak of almost 40,000.

Many tourists were being bused 10 hours or more across hurricane-damaged roads to the airport in Merida, on the other side of the Yucatan Peninsula. Flights and hotels were booked there as well, but most found it an improvement over Cancun; one hotel owner said some guests started to cry because they had finally found a clean place with running water.

There were signs of prog-

ress yesterday in Florida: More streets were cleared of debris, a few restaurants opened and domestic flights resumed at Miami International Airport. Even trash removal returned to some areas.

Getting needed goods, however, often was far from easy. Hundreds of people lined up outside one home-supply store, desperate for cleanup and other supplies. Burgers were available at a handful of fast-food restaurants open in the Miami area.

The quantity of debris is daunting: Pieces of roofs, trees, signs, awnings, fences, billboards and pool screens were scattered across several counties, including the state's most populous region — the Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach area. Damage estimates ranged up to \$10 billion.

Wind of more than 100 mph blew windows out of high-rises.

Islamic Jihad accepts blame

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cide bomber. The Magen David Adom rescue service said six people suffered serious wounds and another 15 were injured lightly.

The bomber was identified as Hassan Abu Zeid, 20, according to residents who heard his name announced on a bullhorn.

Israel's withdrawal from the Gaza Strip last month raised hopes for a return to Mideast peacemaking after five years of bloodshed. The sides have failed to capitalize on the pullout's momentum, and the bombing appeared to hurt prospects for a return to talks.

Islamic Jihad told the AP in a phone call that the bombing was to avenge the death of Luay Saadi, leader of the group's military wing in the West Bank.

Saadi was killed in a shootout with Israeli soldiers closing in on his hideout in the Tulkarem refugee camp Monday.

"It is a natural retaliation for the Israeli crimes committed against our people, namely the crime against Luay Saadi," Islamic Jihad spokesman Khader Habib said. "The Islamic Jihad movement was committed to the truce, and is still committed to the truce, but this truce should be mutual. We cannot tolerate a one-sided truce."

Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas condemned the attack, saying it "harms Palestinian interests and could widen the cycle of violence, chaos, extremism and bloodshed."

'Across-the-board spending' a possibility

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sional Republicans are advancing a budget implementation bill to curb federal spending by as much as \$50 billion over five years.

Earlier in the day, Bush met with Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, House Speaker Dennis Hastert and other lawmakers to identify offsets and rescissions in the budget that can provide for emergency relief in

a "fiscally responsible" way.

"Some have said that the unprecedented destruction caused by the recent hurricanes means that we've got to put our plans to cut the deficit on hold," Bush said. "I disagree.

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Cliff Lee has surgery

CLEVELAND (AP) — Indians left-hander Cliff Lee underwent surgery to repair a hernia yesterday, but is expected to fully recover for the start of training camp in February.

Lee, who went 18-5 with a 3.79 ERA in 32 starts last season, had the arthroscopic operation in Philadelphia — a follow-up to more extensive surgery in 2003.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Falcons handle Vikings

Despite sluggish start BG wins fourth road game in a row

By Jason A. Dixon
REPORTER

After dropping the first match against Cleveland State Tuesday night, the Bowling Green volleyball team never looked back.

Redshirt freshman Kendra Halm pounded down a game-high 17 kills, and Chrissy Gothke recorded her sixth triple-double of the season chipping in with 11 kills, 46 assists and 19 digs as the Falcons defeated the Vikings in four sets, 25-30, 30-26, 30-21, 32-30, to capture their third consecutive victory.

BG, which improved its non-conference record to 14-9, has also won six of the last seven matches and four straight on the road.

Head coach Denise Van De Walle said the team played like they were still on the bus during the game one loss.

"I thought that we were a little bit too slow, looked lethargic ... and Cleveland State was ready to go," she said before yesterday's practice. "They were very aggressive, served the ball very well, hit hard. They were really ready."

CSU hit .235 compared to the Falcons' .170 in game one, but Van De Walle said the Falcons came out looking like a new team once they changed sides.

"We started to serve better, pass better ... Our blocking was good, hitting the ball harder," she said. "It was just a complete turnaround. I was really glad to see it."

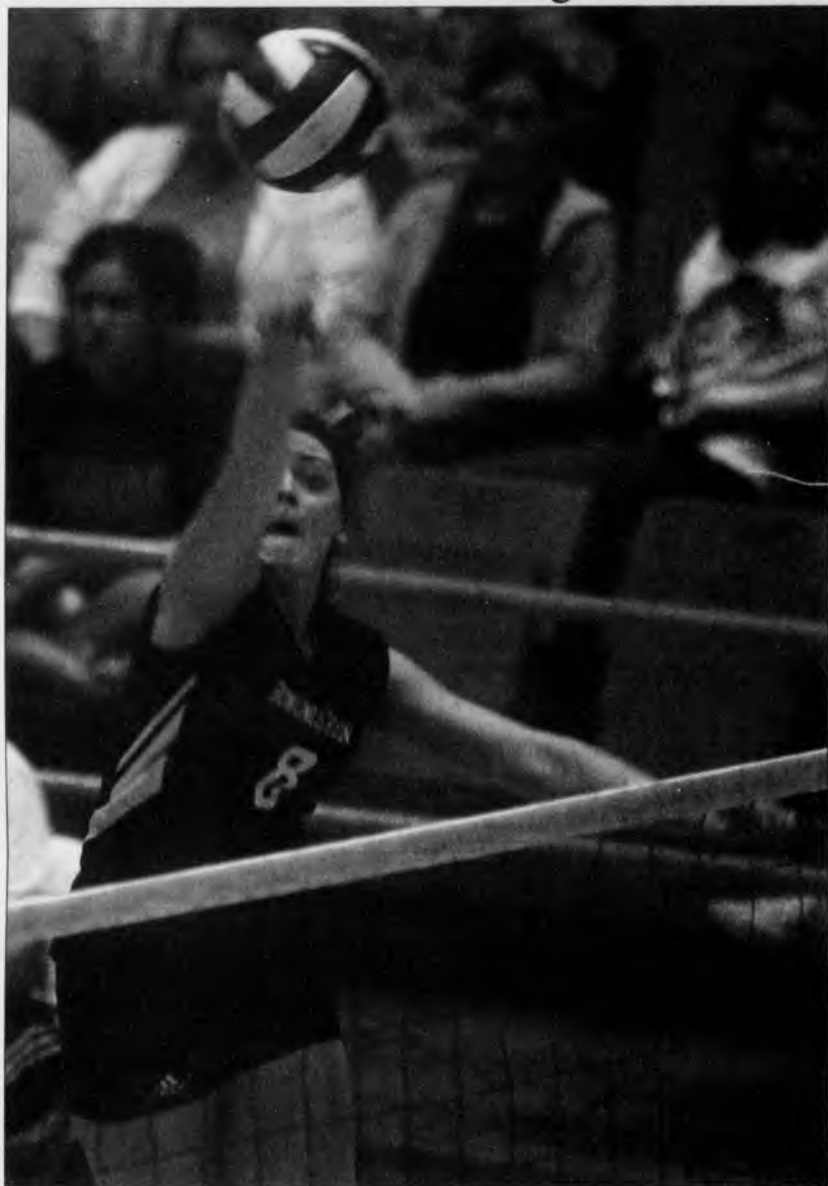
"We just talked about having to play harder and that Cleveland State was really outworking us," she said. "One of my pet peeves is when I look out on the floor and feel like another team is outworking us. So we talked about working harder, hitting the ball harder and we did."

CSU (15-7) was led by Jenna Maddocks' 13 kills.

Mandeline Means added 10 kills and 10 digs off the bench for BG, while Stephanie Swiger, Ashlei Nofzinger and Meghan Mohr totaled 22 of the team's 66 kills on the night.

Van De Walle said the win was different from any other win they've had over a conference leader this season.

"The IPFW (Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne) match, we were good from the start," she said. "We were very aggressive ... And we were at home. It was just a slow start [against Cleveland State], but I do attribute that to



Mike Metzger BG News

SPIKE: Senior Emily Manser spikes the ball in a recent match. The team started slowly, showing effects from traveling on the road. Eventually they were able to tame the aggressive Vikings and beat them in four sets.

just getting there, getting off the bus then having to go. We were just sluggish."

Halm played a big role in helping rebound from a sub-par performance, according to Van De Walle.

"She had a great night," Van De Walle said. "She really did stand out."

The Falcons return to con-

ference play this weekend with road matches against Ohio and Kent State, Friday and Saturday, respectively.

But Van De Walle said she likes the team's mindset right now, especially with tough competition looming.

"What I like is how hard we're fighting and we talk about that pregame, during the game ...

That we're going to have to fight for these matches," she said. "With the schedule that we have, non-conference and conference, everyone that we play is good."

"There are no 'gimmies,'" she continued. "So we have to fight hard for these matches, and I really like that. (Tuesday) night I thought we really fought hard for that match."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MAC media picks BG to finish in first place

Poll chooses Falcons to top East, Eastern Michigan to top West

CLEVELAND (AP) — Defending champion Eastern Michigan and Bowling Green were picked by the media yesterday to win the Mid-American Conference division titles this season in women's basketball.

Eastern Michigan received 132 points and 20 first-place votes in balloting by media who cover the league. The Eagles have four starters back, including Ryan Coleman and Nikki Knapp.

Western Michigan was picked second in the West Division followed by Ball State, Toledo, Northern Illinois and Central Michigan.

Bowling Green, which won the MAC tournament last season, is moving to the East Division. The Falcons return all five starters and received 132 points and 17

MAC MEDIA POLL

CLEVELAND (AP) — Results of the preseason women's MAC basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses.

EAST

- 1, Bowling Green (17) 132
- 2, Kent State (6) 117
- 3, Miami 93
- 4, Ohio 68
- 5, Buffalo 40
- 6, Akron 33

WEST

- 1, Eastern Michigan (20) 132
- 2, Western Michigan (3) 99
- 3, Ball State 86
- 4, Toledo 83
- 5, Northern Illinois 44
- 6, Central Michigan 39

first-place votes.

Kent State was picked a close second with 117 points and six first-place votes followed by Miami, Ohio, Buffalo and Akron.

WOMEN'S GOLF



BG News File Photo

BIG SWING: Sophomore Jessica McCann sets up for a shot earlier this season. The Falcons played in the Cincinnati Fall Classic.

Falcons use strong second round to finish sixth in Cincy

Team improves by 31 shots from the first to the second round

By Adam Miezyn
REPORTER

Adjustments. The little things that champions do between tournaments, rounds and even shots. Bowling Green's women's golf team made some big adjustments from Monday to Tuesday as they finished 6th at the Cincinnati Fall Classic.

BG improved its score from the first round to the second round by 31 shots, giving them a solid finish at a competitive tournament. The team shot a 354 on Monday followed by a 323 on Tuesday.

"The second round proved

WHAT'S NEXT

The Falcons are now winding down their season for the winter. The roster that starts next season will have some familiar faces, however. The team will only say goodbye to one senior, Amanda Schroeder.

we can fight back" said Jessica McCann. "It will be a good experience for the next tournament where we are a few strokes behind the team in front of us and need to catch them."

McCann led the way for the Falcons, shooting an 88-79 in her two rounds for a 167. That gave her a finish of 21st

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HOCKEY

Falcons hope momentum stays with them

After rough beginning to their schedule team aims for victories

By Kevin Shields
REPORTER

One league point may not seem like much, but right now it's a point the Falcon hockey team will take after earning a 2-2 tie in Columbus on Friday night against third-ranked Ohio State.

The tie ended a three-game losing streak to begin the season and came just one night after BG suffered an embarrassing 7-2 loss in their league opener at home to the Buckeyes in a game where OSU clearly dominated the play from the start.

"It was real important for us to come out and have a good strong game against a top team in the nation," BG captain Don Morrison said. "It was definitely a real big step towards moving in the right direction and hopefully

WHAT'S NEXT

After Ferris, the Falcons face a continued set of challenges. Next on the schedule:

- Nov. 5 and 6 hosting Nebraska-Omaha
- Nov. 10 and 11 at Notre Dame
- Nov. 18 and 19, hosting NMU

we can keep that momentum going into this next weekend."

BG also snapped a 10-game losing streak against the Buckeyes, and it marked the first time coach Scott Paluch has been able to take points from the Buckeyes in his 10 games against them.

Paluch and his team will now look to build on that positive and sustain the momentum they have built up as they entertain Ferris State tonight in a home-and-home league series that will conclude on Saturday in Big Rapids, Mich. Both face offs are set for 7:05 p.m.

"It was important to grab a point in terms of it being a positive number on the weekend," Paluch said of the two games against OSU. "But more importantly it was the way we bounced back and the attitude we showed from Thursday to Friday and how well we played. It showed a lot about our team and what our team is capable of doing."

A big reason for the bounce back Friday related to a change on defense the Falcons made after Thursday night's game at the Ice Arena. Instead of having everyone deep in the offensive zone like in the previous games when the Falcons had control of the puck, Paluch moved his forwards and defensemen further back while on the attack to prevent the odd-man rushes that had plagued the team in their first three games.

"I think our team has responded well to it," he said. "We can still create a lot of great scoring

chances and yet be pretty responsible in transition and on defense. Consequently it also allowed us to get some pretty good scoring chances from our high guys."

The adjustment also made life a little easier on goaltender Jon Horrell who stopped 41-of-43 shots on Friday to help him earn Central Collegiate Hockey Association Goaltender of the Week honors. Jimmy Spratt started Thursday, allowing seven goals with many coming on shots he didn't have much of a chance to stop.

"Our goals against has been a lot more team related in terms of us having a lot of breakdowns in those two losses to Boston College and Ohio State," Paluch said. "Those breakdowns lead to a lot of backdoor goals and ones that quite frankly not a lot of goalies are going to stop."

Mitch O'Keefe is one goalie

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CROSS COUNTRY

READY FOR MAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Kipchumba, Finnan lead men's squad

Team believes they can improve greatly on last season's finish

By Adam Miezin
REPORTER

The BGSU men's cross country team will see if the hard work of the past few months had paid off as they head to Northern Illinois University for the 2005 MAC Cross Country Championships.

Led for much of the season by Rogers Kipchumba, Brett Finnan, freshman, has also stepped up to boost the team's overall performance.

"Brett Finnan has done a nice job of stepping up and contributing this fall," coach Cami Wells said. "It is tough for a freshman to step in and have success that first year."

Finnan has received praise from his teammates as well.

"I think Brett has been racing really well for a freshman; his performance at All-Ohio was impressive," said Aaron Smuda, sophomore.

Even with Finnan's success, the team recognizes that winning the MAC Championship is a long shot.

"Our goal is to improve our position from last year and to run to the best of our ability on Saturday," Wells said. "Of course everyone would like to win but you don't go from last to first in one year."

"To win the MAC, a team would have to have all of their runners less than 26 minutes," Smuda said.

Winning may not be a likely outcome for the Falcons at the MAC Championship, but that's not to say that BGSU will not be out there trying.



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LEADER OF THE TEAM: Rogers Kipchumba has been the Falcons' top runner this season

WHAT'S NEXT

The MAC meet is not the end of the season for the Falcons. The teams face an NCAA regional in Bloomington, Ind. on November 12, at which a team or individual runners could qualify for the national meet in Terre Haute.

Since the All-Ohio race a few weeks ago, the team has tried to rest a bit while doing enough work to be sharp for this weekend.

"We've started to bring down our mileage in order to get our legs ready to run personal bests at MAC," said Kevin Kaighlin, sophomore.

"We have been working hard at staying as a pack during workout to work on closing the gaps that are between us in races," said co-captain Bryan Jackson.

"Closing these gaps are a huge key to us being successful this weekend."

Roflow and company raring to go

Coach aims for a top three finish from her resilient runners

By Jessica Ameling
REPORTER

Saturday at 11 a.m., the Bowling Green women's cross country team will face their ultimate test—the Mid-American Conference Championships. Coach Cami Wells said the team will be vying for at least a top three finish in the meet, which will be held in DeKalb, Illinois.

The Falcons have only been beaten by two MAC teams this season, Akron and Toledo. BG's runners said they will be gunning for those two teams, but ultimately they will be focused on their own race. Wells said the only thing her runners need to worry about is walking off the course after the race with no regrets.

"I believe you work hard and you race hard and when it is all said and done I know this team will give me the best effort they have to give on Saturday, and as a coach that is all I can ask for," Wells said.

Last season BG placed seventh as a team, led by graduated senior Niki Suitor's 20th place and Stephanie Hillman's 21st place finish. Hillman, who has been the team's consistent No. 2 runner all season, said she can't wait to step up to the starting line on Saturday.

"I love the nervous-excited feeling you get when you are out there performing for your team," Hillman said.

"I just take a deep breath and tell myself 'this is what we have



Sean Pierson BG News

THREE'S A CROWD: The Falcons team hopes to claim a top three finish at this weekend's MAC Championships, likely joining Akron and Toledo, the only two MAC teams the Falcons lost to this season.

been working so hard for all season—now go out and do it!"

The Falcons hope to take the lessons they learned from last year's conference meet and improve their finish this year.

"I learned that in a race like this every point is important," Jamie Roflow, sophomore, said. "The smallest thing can affect a team's place, so we just need to leave everything we have out there."

Bridget Dalic, junior, added that "we also will not count out any other team, because like I've seen in the past, anything and everything can happen at the MAC Championship meet."

The last time the Falcons won the conference meet was in 1998, and it has been ten years since an individual champion has hailed from BG. However, BG is second in the MAC for total team championships with seven.

While some coaches may focus on pack-running, Wells said she believes each runner has to follow her own game plan during the race. Hillman said that the team will have to reach beyond their normal game plans in order to be successful

at the MAC Championship.

"It is always important to run your own race, and Cami reminds us of that. However, in a meet like this you also have to take chances," Hillman said. "After a long season of training and hard work, you can be surprised what you can do if you take a risk and try to run out of your comfort zone."

Freshman Kara Butler agreed, saying the team's strategy is to "be smart about it, but leave all you have out there. MAC's is the race we prepare most for. This is what our season is all about, so we want to go out there and give it everything we have."

The Falcons will be going into this race with fresh legs, as they haven't raced since the All-Ohio Championships two weeks ago where they placed fourth. Wells has also tapered their training at the end of the season to make sure they will go into the meet well rested.

"We have done all there is to do training-wise," Andrea Pollack said. "We did all we can physically, now it's all mental. Everyone looks great at practice and I can't wait to see the outcome."

Coach says team can play tough against all

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in the tournament. The other Falcons who finished well were Carley Hrusovsky (169, T-23rd), Amanda Schroeder (169, T-23rd), Amanda Bader (174, 31st) and Lindsey Jonkhoff (180, T-38th).

Toledo won the tournament, shooting a team score of 615. BG's team score 677. But, considering the poor first round, the Falcons rebounded well to compete with the best in the tournament.

"We all are capable of being impressive but golf is a funny game, where you can have a bad day and recover with a good round the next," said McCann. "And that's what we proved to do."

The Falcons have noticed improvement since last year. They are finishing more in the middle of the pack said to McCann.

The team continues to work and try to avoid these near disastrous first rounds that seem to have become a trend. The team seems to be headed in the right direction, but the fall season ended at UC. The spring is coming soon, hopefully with a lot of promise.

This is a team that hopes to catch a few breaks and contend for the MAC title. As good as Toledo has been, it will be tough to beat them.

"I think one important factor of playing well is confidence," said McCann. "Trusting your swing and putting stroke and being able to keep your head up after a bad shot and recover on the next hole."

Confidence is earned with time. Throughout the season the team has gained the confidence to compete at a higher level. The way things are looking, the spring should be a bright time for the Falcons.

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Falcons face tough goalie in O'Keefe

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who has been stopping pucks well, as he made 45 saves on 50 shots he faced for the weekend as Ferris (1-1-2, 0-2-2) earned two ties at Lake Superior State. The weekend also earned him the CCHA Rookie of the Week honors.

The Bulldogs are a young team all-around, but have a lot of returning players who have proven to be big-scorers for them in the past.

Forward Matt Verdone is leading the CCHA in goals scored with six as Ferris comes into the games averaging three goals a game, which is tied for sixth in the league.

Other key returnees for the Bulldogs are Mark Bomersback, Zac Pearson, Greg Rallo and Matt Stefanishon, who recorded a hat-trick in a 5-5 tie with BG last season.

"They're a team that plays

the game fairly similar to the way we play in terms of getting after it and finishing a lot of checks," Paluch said. "They're a quick team especially up front — they got a lot of guys that can jump and make plays and they'll put pressure on you because of their foot speed. They're one of the quicker teams in this league."

BG continues to get production from their line of Mike Falk, Alex Foster and Jonathan Matsumoto who accounted for all four goals scored by BG on the weekend. Matsumoto leads the team with four goals this year as he had a goal and three assists on the weekend.

"It's been amazing playing with Foster and Falk," Matsumoto said. "I played with them at the end of last year and we've just carried that momentum from last year over to the beginning of this season."

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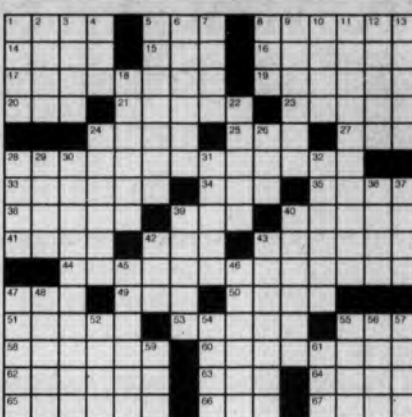
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